

# NEW HORIZONS

UNITED BOARD FOR CHRISTIAN HIGHER EDUCATION IN ASIA

Vol. LII, Number 1 October 1984

## Christianity and Education in Korea

by Dr. Samuel Hugh Moffett

This year marks one hundred years of Protestant Christian work in Korea. 1984 is also, in a sense, the centennial of the conception, though not the birth, of Christian higher education in Korea. Dr. Horace Allen, a Presbyterian physician who stepped ashore at Inchon one hundred years ago is celebrated not only as the first resident Protestant missionary to Korea, but also as one of the founders of Yonsei University. And Yonsei has significant connection with the United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia. From the beginning Protestants recognized the importance

of systematic education at the highest level.

The first Protestant missionaries, whether clergy or physicians, were all evangelists - but never narrow evangelists. When Protestants came in force and to stay, their gospel was straight from the Bible. Their mission was as broad and as wide as the needs of the people, both temporal and eternal. And its effect was transforming. No national problem or interest was considered out of bounds for Christian care and concern.

The role of Protestant missions as a force for intellectual revolution in Korea is substantial. As Korea neared the twentieth century, the country was restless for reforms. A new Korea demanded new ideas, new methods, new schools, new men and women. And they got them with the coming of the Protestants. The first Korean college to grant degrees opened just six years after the turn of the century. It was Soongsil, now Soong Jun University, founded in Pyongyang.

Nowhere was the revolution wrought by the Christian schools more radical than in the field of education for women. Dr. Helen Kim tells of the days when as far as women were concerned, "Korea was like a desert." Mrs. Nansa Hahn Kim came at night to call on a missionary. Setting a little lantern in front of Miss Frey she blew out the candle. Pointing to the dark lantern, she said, "My life is like that - dark as midnight. Won't you give me an opportunity to find light?" Protestant schools helped Korean women first find that light.

Whether for women or for men, those first Christian experiments in Korean



Dr. Helen Kim, first Korean President of Ewha Womans University, Seoul, Korea. During her lifetime Dr. Kim was recognized as one of the foremost leaders in higher education.

education were the serious beginnings of an intellectual revolution that was to shatter the grip of the past.

Does Christian higher education still have anything to offer Asia? Forty years ago, a friend asked a Korean schoolboy who was going without breakfasts in order to attend school, "Why do you pass up that good school near your own home and walk so far to a school of the foreign religion?" I do it", he answered, "not only because they give me the best learning but the best religion." The best learning and the best religion. It was just such a life-giving balance and integration of knowledge and Biblical wisdom with the transforming power of God in Jesus Christ that began the Protestant explosion in Korea 100 years ago.

Christianity is no longer a foreign religion in Korea. The expansion of the church there has changed that. Chris-

Continued on page 2



Pictured above is the Underwood family which represents pioneer and current missionary higher education in Korea. Standing before the statue of Dr. Horace Grant Underwood, who served as the third President of Yonsei University are: Dr. H. H. Underwood, son; Dr. Horace G. Underwood, grandson; and H. H. Underwood, great-grandson.



Continued from page 1

tians now number about 25% of the population.

That growth started with schools and hospitals and ministry to the poor and helpless along with a verbal proclamation of the Gospel. The educational infrastructure of the Christian community - its schools and institutions, is still needed to sustain, nourish, mature and enrich the foundations to produce a healthy growth and to weed out the tares from the wheat, commending the faith to its critics.

In the Christian school there is a flexibility and freedom for pioneering in new techniques. There is an emphasis on wisdom as well as knowledge. And above all there is an opportunity to set forth a Biblical world and life perspective that alone is adequate to nourish what Dr. George Paik has called "the inner citadel."

Dr. Paik, former Minister of Education, former Chancellor of the Korean Senate and former president of Yonsei University, is worth quoting in full:

"Our cities, homes and factories can and must be rebuilt," he said after the devastation of the Korean War. "But what we must safeguard above all is the Inner Citadel . . . the integrity of the people: their minds their morals, their intelligence, their sense of duty, their spiritual resilience . . ."

For three generations now, Korean non-Christians as well as believers have looked to Christian schools for the maintenance of their inner citadel. It was a non-Christian, the well-known president of one of Korea's secular private schools who once said, "Christians are the conscience of Korea."

This, I believe, is the most important contribution of Christian higher education. We need the numerical growth of the Christian church. But if the church's conscience fails to keep pace with its statistical expansion we can only be apprehensive about too rapid growth. And for the right kind of growth we need the right kind of Christian higher education.

*—Excerpted from an address to the Trustees of the United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia.  
May 9, 1984*

*Dr. Samuel H. Moffett is currently Henry Winters Luce Professor of Ecumenics and Missions at Princeton Theological Seminary.*

## Jayasuriya Appointed Elisabeth Luce Moore Distinguished Asian Professor

The United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia is pleased to announce the appointment of Miss Nalini Jayasuriya as the Elisabeth Luce Moore Distinguished Asian Professor for 1985-86. Miss Jayasuriya is an outstanding Sri Lankan artist, musician and writer, who has made a unique contribution in the expression of Asian religious themes through indigenous art forms.

The Moore professorship was established by the United Board to honor Elisabeth Luce Moore in her retirement as Board president in 1976, and to recognize her years of service as a trustee beginning in 1938. Mrs. Moore continues to be active as the Board's honorary president.

The professorship emphasizes scholarship combined with excellence in teaching and gives preference, though not exclusively, to the candidacy of Asian women. Distinguished women scholars from the Philippines, India, Korea and Japan have occupied the chair since its inception. They have taught and carried on research at Board-related universities.

Miss Jayasuriya has recently completed graduate studies at the Yale



Miss Nalini Jayasuriya

University Divinity School where she earned the Master of Arts and Religion with honors. Previously she studied at Trinity College and the Royal Academy, both in London.

Perhaps best known for her unusual

paintings, she has been featured in exhibitions in the United States, numerous European and Asian countries as well as Israel, Canada, Australia and New Zealand. She has lectured widely all over the world and has served as an artist-in-residence in Japan and Sweden.

Miss Jayasuriya is an accomplished musician, dramatist, poet and creative writer, and is able to express religious beliefs and ideas through a wide variety of fine arts: painting, sculpture, music, dance, drama and mime.

As the Moore professor, Miss Jayasuriya will be serving for a period of two years as a visiting lecturer and artist-in-residence for four Asian Christian universities yet to be designated.

## Trustees Elected

At the semi-annual meeting of the United Board on May 7-9, 1984, the following four new trustees-at-large were elected:

**DAVID H. DOLBEN** is Vice President and Director of Information Systems Group for Time Inc. Since joining Time in 1963, Mr. Dolben has held the positions of Comptroller and Assistant Treasurer. Long active in the church, Mr. Dolben served as Chairman of the Administrative Board and Superintendent of the Church School at Alpine Methodist Church in Alpine, New Jersey. Subsequently he has been an active member of the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church. Mr. Dolben currently is a member of the United Board's Finance and Administration Committee.

**YOUNGHAK HYUN**, respected Christian scholar, educator and university administrator, has served as Dean of Faculty and Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Ewha Womans University in Seoul, Korea, in addition to holding the rank of full Professor in Religion for over twenty years. Dr. Hyun is a founding member of the Korean Christian Faculty Fellowship, and has been active in the Korea Student Christian Federation and the Y.M.C.A. He serves as a member of the United Board's Korean Advisory Committee.

Continued on page 4

## Partnership Opportunities

Here are brief descriptions of a few of the many projects for which the United Board is seeking funds to enhance the quality of Christian higher education in Asia. Our Trustees and our Asian colleagues believe these projects will strengthen their academic programs and also make education more meaningful to the more than 169,000 students enrolled at the thirty plus related Christian colleges and universities, as well as assist the broader communities in which they are located.

---

### **FACULTY RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT, SILLIMAN UNIVERSITY (Philippines)**

**\$5,000**

Silliman University is embarking on a major program to encourage quality research on the part of younger faculty members. At present only 10% of the faculty is engaged in research. The University will sponsor a workshop in research methods and provide modest research grants to faculty who complete the workshop instruction.

---

### **PASTORS' CONFERENCE, YONSEI UNIVERSITY (Korea)**

**\$3,000**

Yonsei University sponsors an annual ecumenical pastors' conference involving some 600 religious leaders from all denominations and all parts of the nation. Yonsei sees this as a way to bring the badly fragmented religious community together for fellowship as well as intellectual and spiritual stimulation. The United Board grant will be used to support one visiting lecturer for the 1984 conference.

---

### **LIBRARY RESOURCES FOR PH.D PROGRAM IN SOCIOLOGY, TUNG HAI UNIVERSITY (Taiwan)**

**\$5,000**

Tunghai University has established the only Ph.D. program in sociology in Taiwan. The program is training greatly needed faculty members and research scholars for colleges and universities. Tunghai has the strongest sociology faculty in the country and is qualified to offer the degree. However, library resources are inadequate. Hence the Board's grant for supplementary library materials.

---

### **LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, SHAANXI/SICHUAN UNIVERSITIES (China)**

**\$140,000**

One of the Board's major programs is the support of two regional university library centers sponsored by the Shaanxi Teachers University in Xian and the University of Sichuan in Chengdu. The Board provides funds for equipment, books and periodicals and for staff training. Much progress has been made in developing these centers which will serve as models for other projected regional libraries.

---

### **CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAM, VELLORE CHRISTIAN MEDICAL COLLEGE (India)**

**\$10,000**

Christian Medical College, Vellore is the premier Christian medical school in India, with outstanding graduates serving in all parts of India. The College has embarked on a well-conceived continuing education program designed to update and improve the knowledge and technical skills of its graduates who are working in church related hospitals and in private practice in small towns and rural villages. The program includes correspondence courses and on-campus seminars. The United Board grant will partially underwrite this outreach program.

---

### **ORAL ENGLISH INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS, PETRA CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY (Indonesia)**

**\$4,500**

Petra University's excellent English faculty is preparing materials and tapes for its oral English courses. This is an effort to improve the conversational fluency of the students who upon graduation are very much in demand for jobs requiring superior English abilities. The tapes, to be recorded by native speakers, will be readily available to students outside the classroom.

---

*If you desire additional information about these or other United Board projects please write to the United Board's Office of Development.*



Continued from page 2

**HENRY LUCE III** is President of The Henry Luce Foundation, Inc., a Trustee of Princeton Theological Seminary (N.J.) as well as The College of Wooster (Ohio), and a member of the Board of Directors of Time Inc., and Eastex, Inc. In his long and distinguished association with Time Inc., Mr. Luce has held a variety of posts including Washington correspondent, London Bureau Chief of Time-Life News Service, Vice President of Time Inc. and Director of Research and Development, in which capacity he established Time-Life Records. Later he became Publisher of Fortune and Time. Mr. Luce presently serves as a member of the United Board's Finance & Administration Committee and the University Programs Committee.

**FLERIDA RUTH P. ROMERO** is a distinguished lawyer, educator, and scholar. Currently, she is the Director of the University of the Philippines Law Center and holds the Roberto Sabin Chair in Law and Development at the University of the Philippines. She also serves as President of the Philippine Association of Law Professors and, for almost a decade, she has authored the annual publication of *Aspects of Philippine Labor Relations Law*. Prof. Romero earned the LL.B. and A.B. degrees at the University of the Philippines and the LL.M. degree from Indiana University. She is an active member of the United Church of Christ in the Philippines.

## Tokyo Woman's Christian University Now Admits Foreign Graduate Students

Tokyo Woman's Christian University now welcomes women students from foreign countries to its graduate school. Study may be in a variety of academic fields including Philosophy, Japanese Literature, English and American Literature, History and Mathematics. To be eligible for admission, foreign students must have graduated from an accredited four-year college or university.

Applicants from foreign countries are encouraged to apply for a Tokyo Joshi Daigaku (Tokyo Woman's Christian University) Scholarship. Since World War II, virtually all student financial aid in Japan was in the form of loans which students must repay. However, in April, 1983, Tokyo Woman's Christian University established a new system of scholarship grants for which foreign student applicants may compete.

Tokyo Woman's Christian University recently marked its 60th anniversary with the inauguration of new facilities. On its Zempukuji campus, a new building has been erected which houses research offices and laboratories for natural science and other fields, and the Institute for Comparative Studies of Culture. On the Mure Campus of TWCU, a new cafeteria and bookstore have also been completed.

Tokyo Woman's Christian University

boasts an enrollment of over 3,600 undergraduate and graduate students, and a full-time teaching staff of 145 gifted instructors and professors. Academic programs at TWCU are enriched by the presence of visiting scholars and lecturers from China, India, the United States, and England. Further information concerning application for admission to the graduate programs of Tokyo Woman's Christian University may be obtained by writing to Mikio Sumiya, President, Tokyo Woman's Christian University (Tokyo Joshi Daigaku), Zempukuji, Suginami-ku, Tokyo 167, Japan.

## United Board To Sponsor China Educational Tour

The United Board is making arrangements to offer an educational tour to the People's Republic of China in late May, 1985. Led by Dr. C. T. Hu, China Program Director, its emphasis will be upon higher education with a specific focus on teacher education. Although the itinerary has not yet been finalized, it will be for approximately 20 to 28 days, cost about \$3,000 to \$3,500 per person, and include approximately six cities of which Beijing, Shanghai and Xian are already definitely scheduled.

Open first to Board members, the tour's 25 to 30 spaces will then become generally available. If you are interested, please call (212) 870-3113 or write the Board's China Program office for more detailed information.

### UNITED BOARD FOR CHRISTIAN HIGHER EDUCATION IN ASIA

475 Riverside Drive  
New York, N.Y. 10115

Address Correction Requested

James I. McCord, President  
Ruth Daugherty, Vice-President  
Elinor G. Galusha, Secretary  
Robert Beshar, Treasurer  
Paul T. Lauby, Executive Director

The United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia seeks to improve the quality of Christian higher education in Asia through close cooperation with selected colleges and universities in Asia.

NEW HORIZONS  
published three times a year  
Merle L. Bender, Editor  
Gifts to the United Board are  
deductible for income tax purposes

Non-Profit Org.  
U.S. Postage  
Paid  
Permit #12  
North Newton, KS  
67117



JUL 3 1984  
DR. H. M. TAYLOR, JR. PRESIDENT  
31 ALEXANDER ST. SE  
PRINCETON, NJ